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*Ms. Renata Hesse*  
*Trial Attorney*  
*Antitrust Division*  
*Department of Justice*  
*601 D Street NW, Suite 1200*  
*Washington, DC 20530*

*Dear Ms. Hesse:*

*Free enterprise is what made our country a leader in so many sectors of the global marketplace. Today, the nation's has economy weakened and we are facing serious economic concerns.*

*During this difficult time, many of us are tightening our belts and curtailing our own personal family budgets. I hope you will agree that now is the time to do the same within our government.*

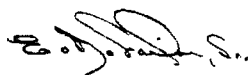
*In the antitrust case against Microsoft the total cost to the federal government as of July 2000 was an estimated \$30 million dollars in taxpayer funds. The suing states spent millions of state tax dollars on top of that.*

*The majority of participants reached a long awaited resolution in this case. We applaud those state attorneys general who signed on to this proposed settlement – unfortunately our state attorney general is notably absent from that list. Nevertheless, settling this case now is the right thing to do for American taxpayers.*

*Those who came together on this settlement have found a conclusion that will have positive effects for the industry and consumers – those for whom the case was originally brought about. I urge you to approve the settlement before you.*

*Thank you for your time and careful consideration.*

*Cordially,*



*Edward D. Failor*  
*President*  
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